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Offices
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#staggeredbreaks, #safetyprotocols, #splitschedule
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#smartoffice, #physicaldistancing, #sensortechnology
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In urban areas, better basic infrastructures help to fight the virus. Cities are in the front line to deal with the virus and to find new ways to live with it. Local stakeholders and decision makers from public entities, from private companies and citizens have shown a huge amount of creativity to come up with solutions to fight the Covid-19 crisis.

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Cities are at the core of the present Covid-19 pandemic, and will certainly have to be prepared to face the future. The Berlin city government was one of the first to stir up a number of initiatives to support citizens during the crisis, and its measures were also the result of the city’s strong spirit of solidarity. In Berlin, citizens have been asked to follow the rules with a clear mind, and the decision makers have been assisted by public and private digital tools to coordinate and communicate.

In the context of office work, the physical presence and physical interaction still remain an important necessity despite the possibility of remote and virtual work. Private companies struggle to offer safe work environments for their staff and for any external visitors. In this context, various examples of measures in this area are listed.